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Memo #: 23-0914

DATE: 09/14/2023

TO: All Pre-Hospital Personnel

FROM: Daniel Shepherd, EMS Agency Medical Director

RE: Trauma Destination

Effective September 19, 2023 at 0700, the following changes to *SBCEMSA Policy 510 Trauma Triage Criteria and Patient Destination* and Base Hospital Contact (BHC) processes will take place:

❖ **Adult Trauma Patients (> 14 years of age) via Ground Transport**

- Adult Step 1, 2, and 3 Trauma Patients in the North Zone, per Policy 511, will be transported to, and establish BHC with, Marian Regional Medical Center (MRMC)
- All Adult Step 1, 2, and 3 trauma patients in the South Zone, per Policy 511, will be transported to, and establish BHC with, Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital (SBCH).
- Step 4 Adult Trauma Patients: Contact catchment base hospital per *SBCEMSA Policy 622 Base Hospital Service Areas and Ground Ambulance Transport Zones*.

✚ **Adult Air Transport in North or South Zones**

- Transporting Air Provider will determine the trauma center destination based on the fastest scene-to-door transport time. BHC must be established with the receiving trauma center.


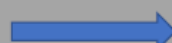
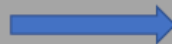
❖ **Pediatric Trauma Patients (≤ 14 years of age)**

- Pediatric Step 1, 2, and 3 trauma patients in the North Zone, per Policy 511, will use the following transport guidelines:
 - Drive time estimated ≤ 20 min: Transport to, and establish BHC with, MRMC
 - Drive time estimated > 20 min: Transport to, and establish BHC with, SBCH (if Air Resource is available).
 - If air resource is unavailable, transport to, and establish BHC with, MRMC.
- Pediatric Step 1, 2, and 3 trauma patients in the South Zone, per Policy 511, will be transported to, and establish BHC with, Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital (SBCH),
- Step 4 Pediatric Trauma Patients: Contact catchment base hospital per *SBCEMSA Policy 622 Base Hospital Service Areas and Ground Ambulance Transport Zones*.

❖ Chart Attached on second page with the guidelines above.

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Trauma Destination Chart – Summary of Changes

SCENE LOCATION	PATIENT AGE	TRANSPORT METHOD		STEP			
				1	2	3	4
North Zone	Adult (Greater than 14 years old)		Ground	Marian Regional Medical Center			Transport to Catchment Base Hospital per Policy 622
			Air	*Air resource determines destination based on fastest scene to destination time.			
	Pediatric (Less than or equal to 14 years old)	Drive time estimated ≤ 20 min OR Air Unavail. Drive time estimated > 20 min	Ground	Marian Regional Medical Center			
			Air	Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital			
South Zone	Adult (Greater than 14 years old)		Ground	Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital			
			Air	*Air resource determines destination based on fastest scene to destination time.			
	Pediatric (Less than or equal to 14 years old))		Ground	Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital			
			Air	Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital			